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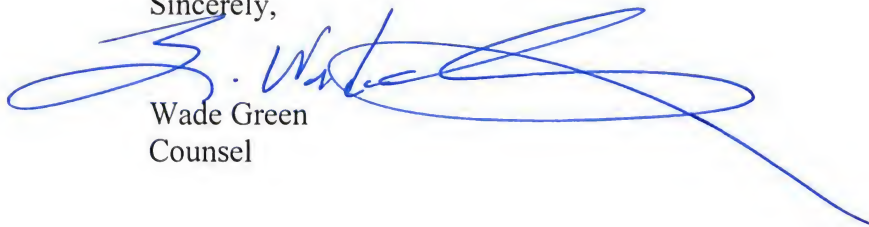
RE: FOIA Appeal No. DOC-OIG-2019-001994 of FOIA Request No. DOC-OIG-2019-001466

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal, dated August 2, 2019 and received by the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General (OIG) on August 15, 2019, in which you appeal the administrative closure of your FOIA request No. DOC-OIG-2019-001466. The OIG administratively closed the original request pursuant to the Department's regulations in 15 C.F.R. § 4.4(c)(7), which state "[w]hen a requester fails to provide sufficient detail within 30 calendar days after having been asked to reasonably describe the records sought, the component shall notify the requester in writing that the request has not been properly made, that no further action will be taken, and that the FOIA request is closed." The tracking number for your appeal is **DOC-OIG-2019-001994**. Please refer to this number in all correspondence regarding your appeal.

Future communication from this office regarding your appeal will be in separate correspondence. If you have any questions regarding your appeal, please contact our office by phone at (202) 482-5992 or via e-mail at FOIA@oig.doc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wade Green". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Wade Green
Counsel